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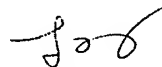
REMARKS

The Communication mailed March 15, 2006 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and subject to restriction. Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, *i.e.*, claims 1-10 and 12-17.

Non-elected claims 11, and 18-20 have been withdrawn. Claim 18 has been amended. Applicant request rejoinder of the method claims upon allowance of the product claims.

If questions should remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact applicant's agent at the address or telephone number given herein.

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